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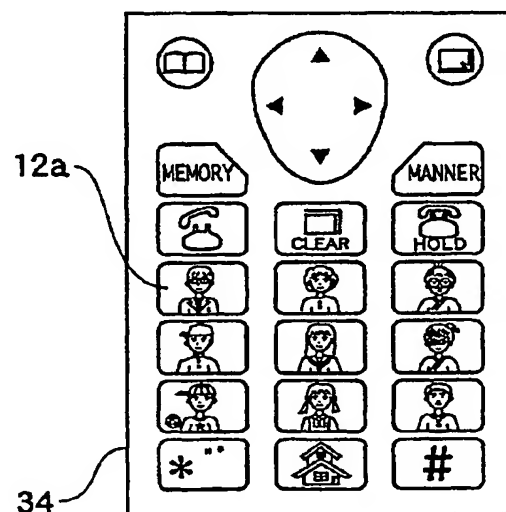
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(54) **Push-button switch member for a portable information terminal and payment system using the same**

(57) A push-button switch member comprises a touch panel, at least one push-button switch provided for the touch panel, an electronic display means disposed in operative association with the push-button switch, and at least one key top portion disposed in operative association with the push-button switch, the key top portion being provided with function display of the push-button switch. A portable information terminal is provided with such push-button switch member and a communication means operatively connected to the push-button switch member for communicating with another equipment having a communication function through endless interactive communication. When the portable information terminal approaches the another equipment having the function communicating with the portable information terminal, function display information stored in the another equipment is inputted into the portable information terminal through the interactive communication.

**FIG.6**





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